

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application, Claims 1, 2, 5 and 7 being the pending independent claims. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 2-4 and 7 have been allowed.

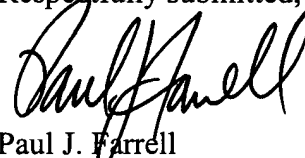
Claims 1, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,561,710 (Helms) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,812,659 (Mauney et al.); and Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Helms and Mauney et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,757,048 (McAvoy et al.).

With respect to the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to clarify that the keypad is capable of being attached and detached from a mobile phone.

Neither Helms nor Mauney discloses a keypad capable of being attached and detached from a mobile phone. Helms discloses an interactive voice communication terminal that has a fixed keypad (see, e.g. item 14 of FIGs. 1-3). Mauney discloses an ear-mounted microphone that includes a microphone compartment (see items 47a and 47b of FIG. 3). McAvoy discloses a keypad that is fixed and integral to the structure of an audio terminal unit and fails to teach a keypad capable of being attached and detached from a mobile phone (see FIGs. 3-4).

In view of the preceding remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely 1-7 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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